

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
TO
THE CONSTITUTION
OF THE STATE OF
NORTH CAROLINA.

ARTICLE 1.

The Legislative authority of North Carolina shall be vested in two distinct branches, both dependent upon the people, to wit: a **SENATE** and **HOUSE OF COMMONS**.

2. The Senate shall be composed of members chosen by ballot every two years, in the manner hereinafter directed.

3. The House of Commons shall be composed of members chosen by ballot, every two years, in manner hereinafter directed.

4. The Senate and House of Commons, assembled for the purpose of legislation, shall be called the General Assembly.

5. Each member of the Senate shall be a free white man, a citizen of the United States; shall have attained, at the time of his election, the age of twenty-five years; and shall have usually resided in the district in which he is chosen, for one year immediately preceding his election; and for the same time shall have possessed, and continue to possess, in the district which he represents, not less than three hundred acres of land in fee, or other real estate in fee, of the value of six hundred dollars.

6. Each member of the House of Commons shall be a free white man, a citizen of the United States; shall have attained the age of twenty-one years; and shall have usually resided in the county in which he is chosen, for one year immediately preceding his election; and for six months shall have possessed, and continue to possess, in the county which he represents, not less than one hundred acres of land in fee, or for the term of his own life, or other real estate, by the same tenure, of the value of two hundred dollars.

7. All free white men, of the age of twenty-one years, who have been inhabitants of any one county within the State twelve months immediately preceding the day of any election, and possessed of a freehold, within the same county, of fifty acres of land, for six months next before, and at the day of election, shall be entitled to vote for a member of the Senate.

8. All free white men, of the age of twenty-one years, who have